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1. SINCE LAST EMBASSY REPORT (REFTEL), COUNTRY HAS REMAINED CALM AND VIOLENCE APPEARS TO HAVE CEASED. GOR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN ORDER APPARENT IN CONTINUATION OF POLICE SURVEILLANCE.

2. AS RESULT OF RECENT TROUBLES AND JUST- ANNOUNCED RESHUFFLE OF CIVIL SERVICE (SEPTTEL), THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION AND TENSION WITHIN GOR WHICH HAMPERS GOVERNMENT WORK. GOVT HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE DECIDE ON RWANDAN FRANC FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE. BANKS AND BUSINESSES ARE OPERATING AT FAR FROM NORMAL EFFICIENCY.

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3. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR NOW TELLS US HIS POLICE TECHNICAL
ADVISOR, EXTRAPOLATING FROM SCATTERED POLICE REPORTS OF 300
CONFIRMED DEATHS FROM RECENT VIOLENCE, ESTIMATES AROUND 1,000
PERSONS DIED. TWO US REPORTERS (MEISLER OF LA TIMES AND
HUNTER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR), WHO JUST VISITED
KIGALI, TOLD US THEY HAD GOT 1,000 FIGURE FROM " POLICE SOURCES"
(THESE WERE NOT, HOWEVER, THE BELGIAN ADVISOR).
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